

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 16, 2015 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COUNCILORS: Tonita Gurule-Giron
Vince Howell
Joey Herrera
David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Elmer J. Martinez, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Dave Romero, City Attorney
Juan Montano, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a moment of silence and encouraged everyone to make a conscious effort to work together and have positive thoughts for everyone in the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vince Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Ortiz Jr. advised he would forego his report until the next meeting and appointments should there be any and advised that on the next meeting he wanted to speak about an article relating to smoking.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ortiz Jr. advised he would wait until the following meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

No one signed up for public input.

CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

City Manager Martinez had Community Development Director Valdez and Event Planner/Film Liaison Velarde give a brief update of the 4th of July Fiestas.

Event Planner/Film Liaison Velarde gave an overview of the entertainment, vendors and carnival for the 4th of July fiestas.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the carnival wrist band pricing and donation to foster kids so they are able to attend the carnival and the firework display at the Highlands Golf Course.

City Manager Martinez advised the Streets Department is working really hard to address road improvements such as potholes and detritions from the winter months and asked the community to be patient as they try to address all issues weather permitting with June and July being very wet months for Las Vegas. City Manager Martinez advised crews are addressing the problem on Baca Street and 7th Street and are cleaning out the drains so camera can go through and really verify what the underlying issue is.

Questions were asked how the City is addressing the weeds and mosquito problem now with the increase of rain.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Recommendation to proceed with negotiations with WH Pacific, the most qualified firm to correct deficiencies at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center-RFP #2015-26.

Procurement Officer Cordova advised the City of Las Vegas requested RFP's for Architectural Services to correct deficiencies in Phase I and II of the Abe Montoya Recreation Center. Five proposals were received; the committee recommended proceeding with final negotiations with WH Pacific.

Questions and discussion took place regarding the services included in the RFP and phases.

City Manager Martinez advised the City intends to negotiate with WH Pacific and address the most critical repairs first while additional funding is acquired.

Questions and discussion took place regarding water projects that are ongoing. Concerns were made over the cost of the engineers being hired and if the City was following the recommendations of the engineers.

Questions were asked about the original engineer of the Recreation Center for Phase I and Phase II.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. Recommendation to publish Ordinance # 15-06 amending Chapter 242 Flood Hazard Prevention, Article IV Administration, Section 14 (F) Duties and Responsibilities of Floodplain Administrator of the Las Vegas Code.

Community Development Director Valdez advised the governing body that on March 17, 2015, State Floodplain Coordinator Bill Borthwick conducted a community assistance visit in La Vegas.

Building Inspector/Floodplain Manager Maynes advised the governing body that the visit included a review of Chapter 242 Floodplain Hazard Prevention of the Las Vegas Code. All articles met or exceeded the respective provisions of the National Flood Insurance Program Floodplain Management Relations Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 59 and 60, with the exception of section 242-14 (F) which requires an update regarding notifications.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Recommendation to publish Ordinance #15-07, amending the Code of the City of Las Vegas, chapter 30 Nuisances. 301-2 Definitions and rules of construction and 301-6 Nuisances declared.

Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised the governing body the municipal code Chapter 301 Nuisances needs additional language for further clarification and to define dangerous/unsafe buildings or structures to help him with enforcement.

Questions were asked about the authority of Code Enforcement over buildings.

City Manager Martinez advised in the past a declared nuisance didn't specifically address buildings but were included along with debris and the condition of a property and was taken as a whole to the governing body to address. Adding the additional language to include buildings and structures follows along with the state guidelines.

Questions and discussion took place regarding some of the buildings in the downtown area that could potentially become hazards.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Recommendation to publish Ordinance #15-09 amending Chapter 389 Taxation Article I Lodgers Tax, Section 15(A) Use of Monies of the Las Vegas Code.

Community Development Director Valdez advised the governing body that Chapter 389 Taxation does not accurately reflect the minimum requirements for use of Lodgers Tax for the purpose of advertising, publicizing and promoting tourist-related attractions, facilities and events. Community Development Director advised the current language contradicts itself and this ordinance will clean up the language.

Questions were asked if the ordinance would affect the lodgers tax in general and would it allow more flexibility in spending.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

5. Recommendation to enter into agreement with the Las Vegas/San Miguel Economic Development, Inc. a New Mexico non-profit corporation exempt under Section 501 (c) 6), for the annual amount of \$50,000 for the period of July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016.

Community Development Director Valdez advised the Las Vegas San Miguel Economic Development, Inc. is designated as the advisory body for economic development working in partnership with the City as provided in Chapter 33 Economic Development Plan of the City of Las Vegas adopted by the governing body on January 9, 2002. The EDC promotes Las Vegas as a desirable place to do business, produce goods and services, educate our citizens and enjoy the quality of life Las Vegas offers. Community Development Director Valdez gave a brief overview of the goals and deliverables within the contract.

Questions were asked regarding the funding amount that was provided in the previous year and how much of the deliverables were achieved and how much funding had been requested from the county.

Questions were asked about the quarterly reporting submitted to the Community Development Department.

The governing body agreed that the item would not be placed as a consent agenda item and a revised agreement be submitted at the Regular meeting.

6. Recommendation to award bid No. 2015-29 for Rodriguez Park Booster Station Repairs to the low bidder, Done Right Construction.

Project Manager Gilvarry advised the purpose of the project is to repair the booster station to allow the station to operate with improved performance and supply reclaimed water to Rodriguez Park. The total cost of the project including gross receipt tax is \$50,828.53. Done Right Construction was the only bidder at the bid opening on June 3, 2015.

Questions were asked why the previous construction of the project failed.

City Attorney Romero stated there may be potential litigation regarding the previous construction.

Utilities Director Garcia advised the problem was with the booster pump and electrical.

Questions were asked if there was any indication prior that the booster pump was faulty.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

7. Recommending approval for out of state travel for 6 officers to attend an Advanced Tactics course for narcotics related operations.

Chief Montano advised the department had previous requested out of state travel for 6 officers, but further found the date was for 2016 so a similar training was located and the department is requesting to send six officers to an Advanced Tactics course in Norman, Oklahoma with funding provided by the 2014 Region IV Justice Assistance Grant.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

8. Grant Application for 2015 Justice Assistant Grant.

Chief Montano advised the application is for funds to purchase equipment to develop an Emergency Response Team and for Bullet Proof Vests for deputies from the San Miguel Sheriff's Office. Chief Montano advised it is a requirement of the grant that the department purchase vests for the Sheriff's Office and the

City Police department will use their portion of the funding requested to develop an Emergency Response Team.

Lieutenant Padilla advised the governing body of the equipment and training that would utilize the funding of the grant for the Emergency Response Team.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

9. Extension of contractual Agreement for Inmate Confinement with the Las Vegas Police Department and San Miguel County Detention Center.

Chief Montano advised the purpose of the agreement is for the confinement of prisoners and/or inmates arrested by the City Police Department. The contract was to be presented to the San Miguel County Commission on June 9, 2015. The term of the agreement would be for one year upon approval from the governing body.

Questions were asked if there had been any changes in contract from the previous year.

Chief Montano advised there had been no changes from the previous year.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

10. Establishing a Solid Waste Department to include the appointment of a Solid Waste Director.

City Manager Martinez advised the Solid Waste Department is currently a subdivision of the Utilities Department and the recommendation is to establish a Solid Waste Division as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Section 5.07 Departments, A. Subject to approval of the Governing Body, the City Manager shall establish such departments as necessary for efficient administration of the City and the City Manager shall appoint department directors subject to approval of the Governing Body.

Councilor Gurule-Giron requested the organizational chart for the department, budget transfers and job description for the position.

City Manager Martinez advised there will be no changes in the budget for the department, currently there is a manager position at the Solid Waste department. The Mercer Group recommended a Director position be established for the department. The only change is the Manager position would become a Director position and report directly to the City Manager.

The governing body agreed to not place the item as a consent agenda item.

11. Out of State Travel for City Manager.

City Manager Martinez advised the request for Out of State Travel is for himself to travel to Seattle Washington to attend the 2015 ICMA Conference in late September, 2015. City Manager Martinez advised he attended the New Mexico City Managers Conference in Cloudcroft and it was very informative.

Questions were asked regarding the progress of City Manager Martinez obtaining his City Managers certification.

City Manager Martinez advised he did not have an outlined plan available at the moment but would provide that to the governing body.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

12. Publication of Ordinance No. 15-08 amending the Code of the City of Las Vegas, Chapter 356, Entitled Smoking, to Specify Definitions.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that at a previous council meeting it was determined that the current City code regarding smoking which identifies Smoking in city-owned buildings, facilities and vehicles did not specifically include the prohibited use of e-cigarettes and therefore needed to be added in the definition.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

13. Recommendation to enter into agreement with MainStreet de Las Vegas New Mexico non-profit corporation, for the annual amount of \$38,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016

City Manager Martinez advised that MainStreet de Las Vegas is a non-profit corporation incorporated on September 28, 2005 whose purpose is to stimulate economic development by protecting and enhancing Las Vegas' historically and culturally significant downtown districts which consist of three districts listed on the National and Local Registers of Historic Places; Railroad District, New Town/Douglas Avenue District and Old Town/Plaza District. City Manager Martinez advised the change in the contract addresses the numerous trees that have been planted with the help of Mr. Mossman to have MainStreet contract someone to water and maintain those trees. City Manager Martinez briefly described the accomplishments of MainStreet and the projects that are ongoing.

Discussion took place regarding the task of watering and maintenance of the trees and how involved MainStreet will be in making sure that task is completed.

Community Development Director Valdez gave the governing body a list of the accomplishments and goals on MainStreet.

The governing body agreed that the item would not be placed as a consent agenda item.

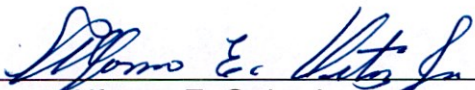
ADJOURN

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

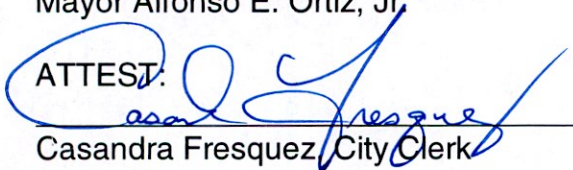
Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vince Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez City Clerk